



# GOODWOOD SECTION NEWSLETTER

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### Hi Fellow Enthusiast

I would just like to say thanks to all those who have provided information, photos and jokes to aid me in the compilation of the newsletters since 2009, and end as I started with ....

#### THE TALE OF A ROAD

*One day through the primeval wood,  
A calf walked home, as good calves should,  
But made a trail, all bent askew,*

*A crooked trail, as all calves  
do.*

*Since then two hundred  
years have fled,  
And I infer the calf is dead;  
But still he left behind his  
trail;  
And thereby hangs my moral  
tale.*



*The trail was taken up next day  
By a lone dog that passed that way;  
And then a wise bell-wether sheep  
Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep,  
And drew the flock behind him too,  
As good bell-wethers always do;  
And from that day, o'er hill and glade,  
Through those old woods a path was made,  
And many men wound in and out,  
And dodged and turned and bent about,  
And uttered words of righteous wrath  
Because 't'was such a crooked path.*

*But still they follow, do not laugh,  
The first migrations of the calf.  
This forest path became a lane,  
And bent and turned and turned again;  
This crooked lane became a road,  
Where many a poor horse with his load  
Toiled on beneath the burning sun,  
And travelled some three miles in one.*

*And thus a century and a half  
They trod the footsteps of that calf.  
The years passed on in swiftness fleet;  
The road became a village street,  
And this (before men were aware)  
A city's crowded thoroughfare;  
And soon the central street was this  
Of a renowned metropolis,*



*And men, two centuries and a half,  
Trode in the footsteps of that calf,  
Each day a hundred thousand rout  
followed the zigzag calf about,  
And o'er his crooked journey went  
The traffic of a continent,  
A hundred thousand men were led  
By that one calf, near three centuries dead.*  
Anonymous.

I have enjoyed carrying out this task, although frantic at times, and maybe there will be further newsletters in the future once the section has settled down and information or reminders of activities are required to be disseminated.

Cheers and Good Riding, Maureen

#### Disclaimer

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#### Pioneer Run – Correction Statement

It has been highlighted that my report in the April Newsletter concerning the Pioneer Run was incorrect on certain accounts and this statement is therefore being published to correct this.

Firstly, it was incorrectly implied that Sue Harris had written the article - although it appeared underneath Sue's section, she had not written the Pioneer Run section and the account had been passed to me by another regular participant.

The Sunbeam Club officials have kindly provided the following information relating to the Pioneer Run:

- *The decision to give riders the option of starting from Epsom or Pease Pottage was made before riders arrived.*
- *Riders' machine numbers were stamped (not hands), as per usual procedure notified to riders in September in their entry forms.*

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CLUB NIGHT 3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAY EACH MONTH – THE MAYPOLE INN, YAPTON, 8.00pm

NOGGIN' & NATTER 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY EACH MONTH – THE FRANKLAND ARMS, WASHINGTON, 8.00pm

- *The route was not via the A23, but the A281 as usual, through Cowfold, Henfield and Poynings.*
- *As far as the Sunbeam Club are aware, riders are honest and did ride from Pease Pottage to Madeira Drive.*
- *Since there was snow lying on the ground at the traditional start, it was sensibly decided to move the start to the official coffee stop in Pease Pottage, with a start time after 9am (but not 10am).*
- *Entrants did not have to unload and reload their machines since there was an official at Epsom informing all as they arrived of the new safety arrangement.*
- *It is true that many entrants chose not to ride because of the sub-zero temperatures, but the conditions on the road were safe from the coffee stop start and down the usual route.*

Apologies to the Sunbeam Club for the errors in the initial statement in April's Newsletter. We understand that the weather related late changes were needed to keep participants safe and the Sunbeam Club did well in managing this in the circumstances and short timeframe.

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### **Surrey & Sussex Good Friday Bun Run – 30 March**

Four of us from the Goodwood section ventured up to join the Surrey and Sussex Bun Run on Good Friday. Unfortunately, the weather was not overly good for the run with rain for just about the whole run. Despite this a hardy few set out.

The run was divided into a morning run stopping this year at The Cherry Tree near Horsham for lunch and then an afternoon run taking us back to the start where some hot, hot cross buns awaited us. The run took us in a large circle cleverly avoiding all of the large conurbations.

A large open fire at the pub was extremely sought after at lunch time to warm our sodden gloves up. I am told the hot air drier in the gents was a bonus as well but sadly the ladies did not have this luxury!!

I am sure the views on our travels were beautiful at times but unfortunately the weather obscured them to us. Despite the rain it was an enjoyable day although it took us two days to dry our gear out.

**Sue Harris**

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### **Wrinkly Run – 13 April John Pocklington**

Starting at Whiteways, 14 riders set off on a damp, unpromising day. It didn't rain, but there

were plenty of wet roads on the way. A few of Brooklands Section joined us, including our new S.E. Area representative, Gavin Shaw. Jeff Read led us northwards via Shere and Newlands Corner, up onto Ranmore Common, then back down through Holmbury St. Mary and Walliswood to lunch at Blue Ship Inn at The Haven; a pub which remains thankfully unimproved, just like us!




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### **Club Night – AGM – 17 April**

A reasonable turn out for the AGM with some major changes in the Committee for the coming year. Chairman John Turrell and Secretary Maureen Street, together with Roger Seymour, Ron Hanmore and Tony Street, have all decided to stand down. However, Roger is still prepared to organise the social meals/skittles as at present.

Jeff Read agreed to stand and has taken up the baton of the Chairmanship and Andy Relf, existing Committee Member, has agreed to take on the job of Section Secretary but only temporarily. Dave Woods remains as Treasurer. Brian Kennedy and John Taylor remain on the committee. No other nominations were received.

Thanks to John Donaldson and Gavin Shaw who attended the meeting giving an update of HQ matters.

The full minutes are appended to the newsletter.

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### **Fish & Chip Run – 19 April**

John Turrell led the run from Whiteways with 8 members joining him on a short route to the restaurant arriving about 7.45pm.

Unfortunately Dave Woods had problems with his clutch causing him to drop his bike just outside Petworth. John Taylor gave assistance with help adjusting the clutch and Jeff Read followed Dave home to ensure he arrived okay following a slightly damaged hand. Jeff arrived back at the chip shop just as they were closing but he managed to get a pie and chips as a take-a-way.



Roger Seymour and Ron Boyling arriving for F&C

## Sunday 6 May – Events

A full day of events with members having to choose what to support:

### 8<sup>th</sup> Ixion Cavalcade, Bexhill, pre 1940 SMCC

John Pocklington took part in this run and said it was excellent. What better way to spend a day than puttering around the lanes of the Pevensey Marshes leaving a fine vintage blue haze trailing behind in one's mirror.

Jane and Ian Anderson also had a trouble free ride and they also managed to sign on at the East Sussex Section's Relay Rally checkpoint.

### VMCC Founders Relay Rally

Goodwood Section had a checkpoint at Whiteways with 8 signing on and 20 visitors from sections like Brooklands, South Hants, Surrey & Sussex.



Goodwood checkpoint at Whiteways

Sue & Phil Harris said they had a brilliant day although their bodies were groaning a lot from midway!! They did 172 miles from start at Whiteways and onwards via South Hampshire, Stonehenge and finally Brooklands checkpoint, although they had gone home by the time they arrived. Sue & Phil had not allowed time for chatting and other delays like clutch adjustment, map changing and waiting for food.



Sue & Phil Harris starting from Whiteways



... Harris' at South Hants checkpoint, Swanmore



... again at Stonehenge checkpoint at Old Sarum Flying Club, nr Salisbury



... their 1930s Velo MSS bikes somewhere en route



Phil's very sophisticated mapping system at 83 miles, following primarily small roads



Such a very hot day reaching 27°C, some cover was required ..... "this looks nothing like an Ariel (aerial)" - Engineers at work !!

### Amberley Classic Bike Show

Several members attended this show and reported a low turnout, only about 170 entries compared with 350/400 in the past. Also there appeared to be only a few representatives of European/Japanese bikes. The low turnout may have been the result of the many other events taking place on the same day.

### Interesting news from Brian Robins

As many of you know Ian Northeast is one of the ambassadors for the Bloodhound SSC project BUT what you may not know he has his own private project to get his 1965 Jensen CV8 to 200mph at Bonneville Speed Week 2018.

A lot of work has been carried out on the car and he will be running at Pendine Sands at the straightliners speed week on May 12th and 13th. Have a look at his website to follow the action <https://worldsfastestjensen.co.uk/>

### WHAT'S ON & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### VMCC Scarborough Social Week Friday 22nd June to Friday 29th June 2018

There are still places available for this event at Arosa Caravan and Camping Park. Based in Seamer, a small village that boasts pubs, restaurants, supermarket, post office and the regular bus service to Scarborough and surrounding areas just a small walk from the campsite; Arosa ([www.arosacamping.co.uk](http://www.arosacamping.co.uk)) has all the facilities you could wish for, a first class shower and toilet block with constant hot water, razor points and sockets for your own appliances and full launderette with drying facilities for after that wet ride. Entry forms are available by contacting the office or downloading them from the club website.

#### VMCC Festival of 1000 Bikes 2018

There are still a limited number of spaces available for both the Saturday road machine sessions and Sunday race machine sessions. If your section would like a stand in the avenue of clubs then please contact Steve Kowalski [events@vmcc.net](mailto:events@vmcc.net) for a form. As well as the activities taking place on the track over the weekend, there will be opportunities to observe Pre65 trials, grass track and a sprint demonstration on Sunday. It is also a chance to meet up and swap stories with fellow

members over a drink while listening to the band playing on Friday and Saturday evening.

#### VMCC Ace Café Day

The annual VMCC day at the Historic Ace Café will be on the **12th August 2018**. Awards and prizes from the Café include 'most turned out from a single section', 'best bike' and 'furthest travelled'.

MAY	
Fri 11	Wrinkly Run, Adj. The Green, Durbans Road, Wisborough Green, RH14 0DS to The Barley Mow at Walderton. Leader John Pocklington
Tues 15	Club Night, Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm – Speakers Richard Johns and John Taylor on bike rebuilds
Sat 19	Kempton Park, Southern Classics M/c Show and Jumble
Sun 20	Romney Marsh Autojumble, Ashford
Sun 20	Sunbeam MCC 1st Rose of Torridge, Woolfardisworthy, Devon
Tues 22	Noggin 'n' Natter, Frankland Arms, Washington 8.00pm
Sat- Sun 26 - 27	Sunbeam MCC Conyboro Run & Autojumble, Chiddingly, Contact Rob Pond 01306 628297
Sat-Mon 26 – 28	Overload Military Spectacular The Lawns, Forest Road, Denmead Hants. PO7 6HH <a href="http://www.overloadshow.co.uk">www.overloadshow.co.uk</a>
JUNE	
Sun 3	East Sussex Girder Fork Run, 10.30am Brian's Barn, Brownbread St. TN33 9NX. John Crawl 01825 890499
Fri 15	Wrinkly Run, Washington, outside Frankland Arms, 10.30am – Phil Harris Leader
Sun 17	VMCC Banbury Run
Tues 19	Club Night, Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm – Bring a Bike Night
Thur 21	Mid Summer Eve Run, Adj. Green, Durban Road Wisborough Green RH14 0DS 7.30pm – <b>LEADER REQUIRED</b>
Fri 22–29	VMCC Scarborough Week
Sun 24	Goodwood Run, m Goodwood Airfield, 10.30am – Phil Harris Leader, route card.
Sun 24	Romney Marsh Show (pre-1990) & Bikejumble, 10am, Hamstreet, Nr Ashford, TN26 2JD
Tues 26	Noggin 'n' Natter, Frankland Arms, Washington 8.00pm
JULY	
Sat/Sun 7/8	VMCC Festival of 1000 Bikes, Mallory Park
Fri 13	Wrinkly Run, Northgate CP, Chichester 10.30m – Roger Seymour Leader
Sun 15	SBMCC Garden of England Run, Headcorn
Sun 15	South of England Classic Show and Bikejumble, Ardingly
Tues 17	Club Night, Maypole Inn, Yapton, 8.00pm – Bring an Interesting Vehicle
Sat 21	Kempton Park Autojumble
Sun 22	VMCC Founders Day
Tues 24	Noggin 'n' Natter, Frankland Arms, Washington 8.00pm – Surrey & Sussex visiting